GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department – New Scheme – "NTR Vidyonnathi Scheme" for Providing Professional Guidance for Civil Services Examinations for Minority students in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Sponsoring of meritorious Minority candidates to reputed private institutes – Sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (EDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.16 Dated: 10th May, 2017

Read the following:-

1. From the Director, Centre for Educational Development of Minorities, Andhra Pradesh, letter Ref:006/CEDM/Civils/2017, dated:21.01.2017.
2. From the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Lr.No.124/CMW/2017, dated:01.03.2017.

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ORDER:-

In order to ensure Minority students reach the higher echelons of administration, there is need in Andhra Pradesh to facilitate their entry in Civil Services, which is through the mode of the annual Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC. The entry of Minority Students in the higher Civil Services will enable them to participate effectively in the decision making process in the highest level and also boost their morale and also ameliorate their sense of deprivation and alienation from the development process.

2. It is also observed that the trend is that the students from the economically poor Minority families have not been faring well in the Civil Services Exam, especially during the last 6 to 8 years.

3. Government, after close study of the practices followed in other States, hereby decides to sanction the new scheme "NTR Vidyonnathi" for providing Professional Guidance for Civil Services Examination for Minority students to conduct 3 guidance programs under the scheme. The scheme will come into operation during 2017-18. The expenditure under the scheme shall be met from the budget of 2017-18.

4. The guidelines, mode of selection, the other details of the scheme, are hereby appended as annexure.

5. The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (I/C)

To
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Andhra Pradesh,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, Collegiate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Technical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
The Director, Centre for Educational Development for Minorities,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Director, Hyderabad Study Circle, Hyderabad, Telangana.

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The Director, Vinex IAS Academy, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Chief Minister, Chief Minister's Office.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government (I/C),
Minorities Welfare Department.
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SECTION OFFICER

(Annexure Enclosed)

ANNEXURE

(Annexure to the G.O.MS.No.16, Minorities Welfare (EDM) Department, Dated:10.05.2017)

SALIENT FEATURES AND MODALITIES OF THE SCHEME:

A) Students will be sponsored for three guidance programmes to reputed private institutions at three different stages as per the UPSC examination pattern for Civil Services.

B) Reputed institutions will be selected in a transparent manner by calling for "Expression of Interest" by a committee of senior officers.

C) Selection and allotment of students and payment of fee linking it to strict monitoring of the regular attendance of the students.

The details of the proposed schemes and sub-schemes are as follows:

A. DETAILS OF THE THREE GUIDANCE PROGRAMS:

i) Integrated Guidance Scheme (CSAT+Mains): To give integrated guidance for 250 students for the "CSAT (Prelims) cum Mains" for about 9 months.

ii) Mains Guidance Scheme: To give guidance for two months for all eligible Minority students who qualified in Prelims.

iii) Personality Test Guidance Scheme: To give guidance for one month for all eligible Minority students who qualified in Mains.

B. SELECTION OF REPUTED INSTITUTIONS:

The Department of Minorities Welfare will invite Expression of Interest (EOI) from competent coaching institutions with an excellent track record for imparting coaching for the above programmes.

The following criteria are prescribed for selection of the institutes:

1. The institution should have minimum experience of 10 years in imparting training to candidates for Civil Services exams, conducted by UPSC.

2. The institution should have excellent track record and must necessarily have produced excellent results.

3. The institution must have expert and excellent faculty (profiles have to be furnished).

4. The institution should have good library, study material and other infrastructure.

C. CONSTITUTION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The Selection Committee is constituted with the following members.

i) Commissioner, Minorities Welfare

ii) Commissioner, Collegiate Education

iii) Commissioner, Technical Education

iv) Director, Center for Educational Development for Minorities (Convener)

v) Representative nominated by the Finance Department

The above Committee will shortlist the institutions and will recommend to Government for empanelment in order to sponsor the students for coaching. The Committee may recommend maximum number of candidates to be sponsored to each institute, so that all candidates are not sponsored to a single institute. The sponsored candidates should be given training along with other students and the Government. sponsored candidates should not be made into a separate batch.

D. SELECTION AND ALLOTMENT OF STUDENTS:

i) Prelims cum Mains Integrated Guidance:

a) An advertisement will be issued in one prominent Telugu News Paper and also placed in the department website, calling for applications from the eligible Minority students, whose annual family income is less than Rs.2.00 lakhs.

b) Students should have passed any degree course.

c) An entrance examination will be conducted to select the meritorious candidates. Atleast 33% of the seats will be allotted for women for Prelims cum Mains programme.

d) 3% of the seats will be allotted to the disabled candidates as per norms.

ii) Mains Guidance: All Minority candidates belonging to the State of Andhra Pradesh and qualified in the prelims CSAT examination and whose annual family income is less than Rs.2.00 lakhs will be eligible for admission into this programme.

iii) Personality Test Guidance: All Minority candidates belonging to the State of Andhra Pradesh and qualified in the Mains examination and whose annual family income is less than Rs.2.00 lakhs will be eligible for admission into this programme.

E. ALLOTMENT OF STUDENTS TO SELECTED

INSTITUTES : The students who are selected through entrance exam can be given the option for selecting the empanelled institution of their choice, for admission through counseling, subject to ceiling of seats that may be prescribed institution wise by the Committee.

F. MODE OF PAYMENT OF FEE: Once the institute is empanelled and students are sponsored, fee will be paid in two installments - first installment, after the students report for coaching and second installment, towards the end of the course.

G. MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORTS:
The institutes shall send monthly attendance reports to the Director, Centre for Educational Development for Minorities (CEDM). Second installment shall be paid only for those candidates who have put in at least 90% attendance.

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